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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: EXPULSION OF DEA FROM BOLIVIA

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Classified By: POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILLIAM H. DUNCAN, REASONS. 1.4B,D.

(C) Polcouns conveyed reftel points to Spanish Director General for Iberoamerica Juan Carlos Sanchez November 10. Sanchez noted the GOB had a talent for shooting itself in the foot. He said the expulsion of DEA was particularly hard to explain given the patience the U.S. had shown in dealing with Morales and the imminent transition in Washington. He added the situation in Bolivia was worrisome and opined that no one could replace DEA there, given its expertise and long years of experience.
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